ring the last three years were as under:—

| Year | Value (in Rs./crores) |
|---|---|
| 1984-85 | 129.05 |
| 1985-86 | 159.82 |
| 1986-87 | 201.42 |

During the period April '87 to Oct. '87, exports have been of the order of Rs. 150.46 crores registering an increase of 30.8 per cent over the corresponding period last year. In view of this increasing trends prospects of further increasing export of natural silk goods are encouraging.

**ESIS for Beedi Workers**

3363. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA KRISHNA: Will the Minister of LA BOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beedi workers in the country are covered by the E.S.I.S.;

(b) whether there is any proposal to run such dispensaries under C. G. H. S.; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to open such dispensaries in Mahaboob Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The beedi workers employed in beedi manufacturing establishments using power and employing 10 or more persons and the establishments not using power and employing 20 or more persons, which are situated in the areas where the ESI Scheme is in operation, are at present covered by the ESI Scheme. J

(b) No. Sir.

(c) An ESI dispensary is already functioning at Mahaboob Nagar.

Import of soap oils and fatty acids.

3364. DR. H. P. SHARMA; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present gap between our production and consumption of soap-oils and fatty acids and to what extent this gap is sought to be covered by imports;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering export of castor-oil to cover up the import of palm, fatty acids and palm stearine; and

(c) whether Government also plan to import mutton tallow strictly for soap-making?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) According to the Government's estimate, the present gap between production and consumption of soapery oils and fatty acid is to the extent of 1.30 lakh tonnes. Import of soapery oils to the extent of 1 lakh tonnes is being arranged.

(b) A proposal for allowing import of palm stearing body acid and palm Karnel fatty acid against export of castor oil was received by the Government. The proposal was, however, found to be unacceptable.

(c) No, Sir.

**Clandestine import of prints of the documentary picture Golden Goa**

3365. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that prints of the documentary picture called 'Golden Goa' which was got made by the Government of Goa was imported surreptiously without payment of customs duty and that some prints were seized;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was no licence for its import and so a show cause notice was issued by the Customs authorities to the Government of Goa in this regard; and

(c) how the foreign exchange was paid and whether any permission of the Reserve Bank of India was taken?